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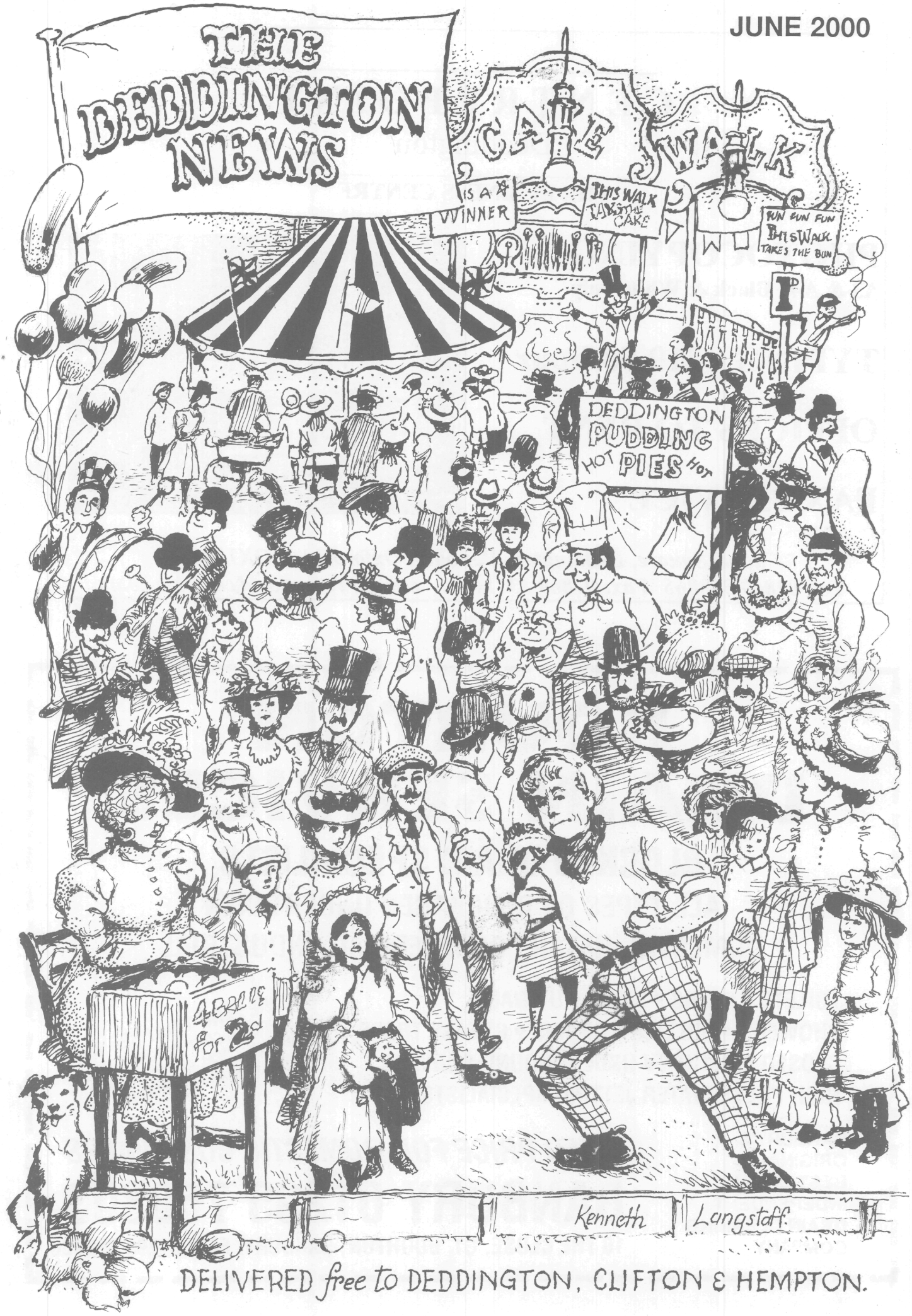


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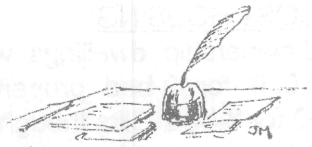

## EDITORIAL

Gerard Sullivan's MADD Week team persuaded many to become involved, revealed talent and gave pleasure to a large number of people. That sounds like a pretty fair definition of success. There are murmurs in homes and shops and bars about repeat performances in the future... (See reviews.)

No big issues this month but a welter of fascinating detail. Jackie Williamson's *News from Clifton* describes the fatal combination of swallows and horsehair. Time and distance are bridged by Mrs. Lily Hill who writes to us from Norfolk about Alice Weaver. The Youth Clubs's Video Show in July is one for the diary.

STOP PRESS: Deddington W.I. Beats Ambridge To It. In *The Archers* last week, Peggy Archer's W.I. took on large-scale catering. Read the Club News. Our W.I. had the idea first ! Elsewhere Colin Cox asks for more bellringers and Colin Clark needs help for the burgeoning website. Ted Johnson thanks us on behalf of the RSPCA and George Fenemore is rendered (*almost*) speechless by the latest blow to hit farmers – this is no joke.

Alan Humphries' *Parish Born and Bred* initiative is threatening to outstrip the DN's ability to cope. (See article.) There's so much information that could be recorded. We'll continue with our modest aim and if you haven't yet made contact, please do so. I apologise for any temporary inaccuracies in recording names. It's not always easy to check every detail in the course of a quick telephone call.

The Map Group's excellent *Discovering Deddington* is up and running. The PC Chairmen are dedicated and in place in the Town Hall. Various rain gods are being asked politely to take a holiday on Sunday June 4 so that Daeda's Wood Millennium picnickers can swop unbrellas for sun hats. And does anyone know why badgers leave their setts and head for the streets ? Recently, gardens on Goose Green and in The Leyes (and perhaps elsewhere ?) have had badgers tunnelling in, even under wooden fences and stone paths. Please write if you are familiar with brock habits. You may also like to write in with your views on traffic and parking. These subjects were uppermost at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Kristin Thompson

*Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 – 12.* ***Except:*** *last Friday on alternate m onths when the meeting will be at St John's, Hempton –August 25.*

*Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.*

*Fridays: British Legion, Prize Bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm*

**JUNE DIARY**

| | | |
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| Sat | 3 | Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: cakes, bric-a-brac, plants, under Town hall from 9.30 am. (p. 7) |
| Sun | 4 | Friends of Daeda's Wood: Millennium Family Picnic, noon- 4pm. (p. 9) |
| Mon | 5 | Monday Morning Club, Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon. (p. 7) |
| Wed | 7 | Friendship Club: Outing to Oxford. |
| Sat | 10 | Deddington Beeches Bowls Club: Race Night at British Legion, 7.30 pm. (p. 7) |
| Sun | 11 | Final day of judging for Best Kept Village Competition. |
| Tue | 13 | WI: Mr Ian Pearce, *The Seamen's Mission*, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.(p. 7) |
| Wed | 14 | Deddington History Society; *Chastleton , Below Stairs*, J Steane, Windmill, 7.30 pm. (p. 6) |
| Wed | 14 | Monday Morning Club: *Blood Brothers* at the Apollo. Bus leaves at 6.15 pm (p. 7) |
| Sat | 17 | School Fête. School Grounds, 2 pm. (p. 4) |
| Tue | 20 | **COPY DATE FOR JULY DEDDINGTON NEWS** |
| Tue | 20 | WI: visit to Geoff Hamilton's garden, £12 inc. (p. 7) |
| Wed | 21 | Friendship Club: Whist Drive, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |
| Wed | 21 | Deddington History Society: Garden party, Old Vicarage, Barford St Michael, 7.30 pm. (p. 6) |
| Wed | 21 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm. (p. 2) |
| Thu | 22 | Monday Morning Club: Bus for *The Reduced Shakespeare Co.* leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm. |
| Fri | 23 | British Legion: *Fergus (*Live music), 8.45 pm. |

**JULY DIARY**

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| Sat | 1 | Deddington Pre-School 50/50 Nearly New Sale (p. 4) |

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# DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Note of Annual PC Meeting, 17 May 2000**

attended by the entire Parish Council, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 12 members of the public.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Mr Lewis and Mr Gilligan, supported by other residents of Chapman's Lane, objected strongly to a proposal to build on land behind no 2. A comparable application was refused some years ago, and previous objections still apply.

LOW-COST HOUSING

Shared-ownership dwellings will be priced at £86-90,000 for 2-bed properties, and £105-108,000 for 3-bed. Cllrs thought this was hardly 'low-cost' and called for detailed calculations of how the figures were arrived at.

DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

Friends of the Library meet on 5 June, Town Hall, 7.30pm, to discuss (1) architect's draft plans for improving public use of, and access to, the building and services; (2) funding these developments. On 8 June, 1-4pm, a national meeting of Friends of Libraries Groups, at NEC Birmingham, will discuss how to progress a Network of Friends. PC will pay expenses for up to 2 Deddington representatives.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- New trustees will be appointed to the Windmill Centre, to fill recent vacancies.
- Approved minutes of PC meetings will be available to Deddington OnLine the 'next working day'.
- As well as regular safety checks, Parish play areas will have risk assessments,
- PC thanked Brownies and Youth Club for help with National Spring Cleaning week.

PLANNING *(all Deddington)*

Provided neighbours agree, PC no objection to (i) *8 Philcote Street* - conservatory at rear (ii) *The Cottage, Bullring* - retrospective change of use from commercial to residential.

PC objected to: (iii) *Earls Farm, Earls Lane* - erection of a block of 3 garages, each with parking space. Each garage should be sold with, and entered on the deeds of, a specific dwelling. (iv) *The Vicarage, Earls Lane* - revised proposal to demolish existing vicarage, erect a new one and provide new access. Intrusively close to neighbouring property; should be all-stone, not brick-cornered. (v) *Primary School, Earls Lane* - single storey extension at rear to provide 2 classrooms, resource area, cloak spaces, plus internal alterations. Doors of extension would open on to a parking area (wrongly shown on drawing as a playground); building line altered; changed appearance of front of School (not shown on drawing); objections from parishioners. PC to demand a coherent and fully informative presentation of all proposed changes to the school/vicarage complex, with special attention to the safety of children. (vi) *Chapman's Lane* - erection of single dwelling behind no 2, plus access. Backland development against PC policy; incorrect boundary plan; intrusive to neighbours; additional traffic; acquisition of residents' land; neighbours object. (vii) *Deddington Mill Cottage, off Milton gated road* - 2 storey side extension. Drawings do not show considerable extensions already made, nor the adjacent mill house; new development would be obtrusive, and could readily be sited elsewhere; neighbour (there is only one) objects. CDC to be informed of PC's concern that many planning applications have incorrect, incomplete or misleading drawings.

Late applications (viii) *Johnson's Yard,* - fell 2 holly, 3 ash, 1 sycamore, and coppice 3 hazel. No objection, if CDC aboralist agrees, and felled trees are replaced. (ix) *Castle End* - new dormers, internal alterations. No objection, subject to CDC conservation and listed approvals.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

District Auditor gave unqualified approval to PC accounts for 1997/8 and 1998/9. Reports are available for inspection in the Parish Clerk's office. Copies may be bought for £5. May 2000 invoices passed for payment totalled some £4,400. PC withheld payment of £1,353 to DesignGro, pending review of the firm's performance.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £561,424.68, of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.95% variable; £40,000 Treasury Stock @ 5.1175% fixed; £1,514.61 @ 5% on 14 days; £19,180.54 @ 2.7% + £729.53 @ 2.1%, both overnight.

ELECTION

Cllr Flux was re-elected chairman, and Cllr Todd vice-chairman, for 2000-2001.

WORKING GROUPS

PC to review how it organises its workload. Chairs of existing Working Groups will present proposals for change at the June PC meeting.

STUDENT GRANTS

PC agreed to continue to award grants of up to £100 to students entering tertiary education in September. There is no age limit, but students must have lived in the parish for at least 2 years. Further information from Parish Clerk, Windmill Centre, 337447, Mondays & Wednesdays, 9-5.

**NEXT MEETING Wed 21 June, Town Hall, and third Wed each month thereafter.**

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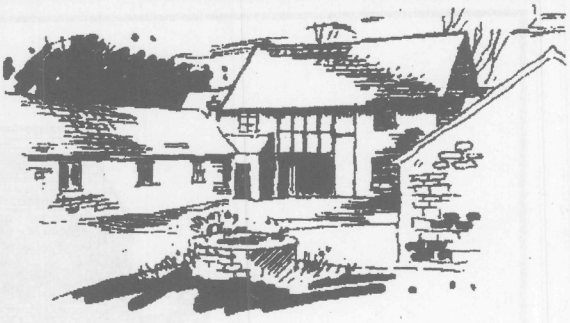

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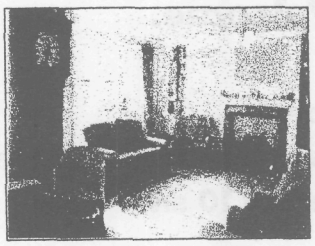

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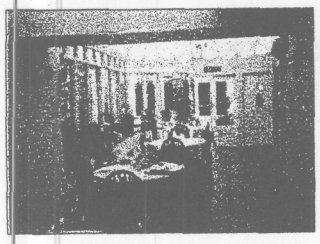

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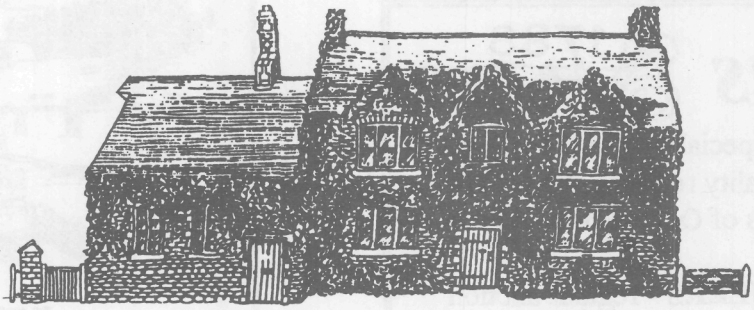

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**Annual Parish Meeting, 3 May 2000** About 18 members of the public, and nearly as many councillors, heard chairman Jim Flux remind us that no decisions can be made at an APM, which is essentially an opportunity for the public to ask questions, comment and make suggestions.

He spoke briefly on the highlights of the year (all of which have been reported in *The Deddington News*). The Low-Cost Housing Scheme is well under way, the 10-minute Open Forum is successful, a start has been made on the Clifton footpath, and the "development threat" has been held at bay (so far).

The Millennium programme has had its successes - New Year's Eve celebrations, Cemetery gate, Daeda's Wood, the Map Group - and a few failures. Grants have been given to students, the Library for books, the Windmill Centre for roof improvements, the Youth Club, Map Group, football Colts, Hempton Church Hall and local charities like Katharine House. Village funds have been managed prudently.

PC Bob Donohue said the parish still has a relatively low crime rate, though it did go up in 1999, for the first time in 4 years. The main problems were criminal damage, chiefly at the Windmill Centre, and thefts from motor vehicles. Leaving valuables in cars encourages crime.

Colin Carrott, Area Engineer, Environmental Services, OCC, told us that because of shortage of funds, only about one in a hundred requests for assistance has any hope of succeeding. Deddington has a good safety record, and therefore low priority. Nevertheless, there will be improvements this year at the crossroads, the Earls Lane/Banbury Road junction, and Hempton pinch point. Next year's review of all speed limits in Cherwell will include Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Low-cost visual measures are being pursued. Radical solutions to parking problems may need to be found, but parking improvements can be costly and rarely affect the accident rate.

Points from the floor - The ban on parking in the Holly Tree lay-by should be reviewed. Obstructive parking in the Daedings is dangerous. Residents' parking schemes would need policing. A 30m stretch of pavement is needed at the Hempton pinch point. Hudson Street should be one-way. The cost of bringing in new traffic orders is unreasonably high. Mr Carrott undertook to follow up these points.

*Discovering Deddington* - Mary Robinson, designer and co-editor of the Map Group's new book, presented copy No 1 to the Parish Council Chairman.

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**ROLL OF PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMEN**

On Monday, May 8, 12 former Chairmen of the PC met at the Town Hall, where Bob Stevens unveiled the new board, listing Parish Council Chairmen from the creation of the institution in 1895 until 1997. The Roll from 1938 to the present day was donated some time ago by Mrs. Garrett in memory of her husband. She was present to represent him, as was Mrs. Jo Mace to represent her husband, Dr. Mace. After Jim Flux's opening remarks Donald Welford spoke briefly about the need to provide proper storage for the Parish archives. Bob Stephens then dedicated the Roll and paid a special tribute to Douglas Ward whose initiative as Chairman in purchasing the site of the Windmill School for the village has given us the facilities at the Community Centre and the means to make grants to village societies and to those going on to further education and to maintain a village steward.

JEAN FLUX

*(Good to see the present Chairman buoyant again in the Parish after surgery. Welcome back, Jim. Ed.)*

**DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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# SCHOOL NEWS

Because of the late Easter there have only been 4 short weeks before the Spring bank holiday, with still the usual amount of work to cover!

This term we have welcomed Mr. Alan Jones, currently teaching Year 4, and Miss Riches who is teaching Year 2. We congratulate Mrs. Brennan on expecting her second child in November.

Children throughout the School have studied hard for their Standard Assessment Tasks and Tests which began on May 15. For Years 2 and 6 results are given to parents at the end of the school year. Year 6 results are reported nationally. Tests for Years 3, 4 and 5 are for internal monitoring purposes and help teachers set targets for the children in the coming year.

Year 3 and 4 children visit Hill End, a country residential centre, from May 24-26. Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Jones will lead this expedition with the help of an army of volunteers. Our thanks go to them. Without their support the children could not benefit from such exciting experiences.

Thanks also to the PTA once again, most recently for their wonderful Ladies Night, organised by Mrs. Caroline Taylor. It raised £800 for the School. Our next big PTA event is the Summer Fete.We look forward to seeing you there.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

## ...and from the PTA

Many thanks to all of you who supported last month's Ladies Night. We felt this event was a great success !

**Our Summer Fete** is on **Saturday, June 17 at 2pm.** Please see our yellow flyer enclosed in this issue (thanks to the generosity of the DN). We're delighted to announce that the popular local folk band **Sorcha's Fancy** will play for us throughout the afternoon. RACHEL TEARE 337077 & GILLIAN DURHAM 338675

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A belated farewell to the children who left us last term: Samuel Best, George Bruce, Anna Calcutt, Tess Everatt, Sebastian Gardner, George Mahon, Bethany Mawby, Hannah Westbury and Joe Worrell. We wish them all well at school.

We welcome this term: Hannah Alexander, Kelly-Ann Freeman, Alex Giles, Sam Harding, Phoebe Homer, Elizabeth Mahon, Oliver Tindale, Kristian Tyler, and Jack Watling.

The Easter Bunny Hunt at the end of last term was a big success, especially the surprise visit from Peter Rabbit. Thanks to all who supported this event.

**DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM**

**Saturday, July 1** - 50/50 Nearly New Sale of children's clothes, toys and equipment..

**Friday, July 21** – Millennium Fancy Dress Picnic. 11.45am at Pre-School. For further details see posters or contact Pre-School: 337383 KENDAL TYLER

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**FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY**

The plans for alterations to the building have been reported to the Parish Council. There will be a meeting of the Friends at the Town Hall on Monday, June 5 at 7.30 pm. We hope that as many Friends as possible will be there to hear about and discuss these important developments. SUE GODDARD 338122

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**GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST – PARISH MAGAZINES**

In his 1879 New Year's address, Thomas Boniface, the new incumbent of SS Peter & Paul, wrote "One change .. is a Parish magazine which I hope will be a welcome visitor at every house. It will be published monthly, price 2d, and will contain wholesome and religious reading suitable for English churchpeople; a record of Church work and other events of interest in connection with the Parish."

12 months later we read: "The Parish Magazine, which now has a circulation of 160 copies monthly, does not nearly pay its way.. the Vicar is a considerable loser by it. Some alterations, therefore, in the cover may have to be made next year.."

The Magazine, printed at Deddington Post Office by J. Wetton, General Printer, Stationer, Bookseller, Linnen and Wollen Draper & seller of China, Glass and Earthenware, survived until 1893 when News from the Parish became part of the Deanery Magazine. I like to think that the Vicar's purse was saved by the increasing use of advertisements which began to appear in the publication, of which my favourite proclaims: "**The Great Family Medicine Of The Age ! Whelpton's Vegetable Purifying Pills & Vegetable Stomach Pills**, which are particularly suited to weakly persons, being exceedingly mild and gradual in their operation, importing tone and vigour to the Digestive Organs."

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RUTH JOHNSON

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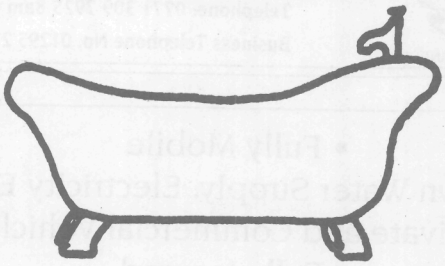

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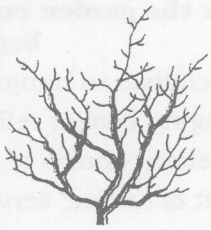

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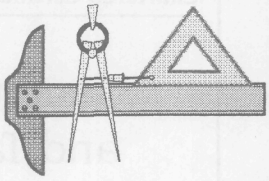

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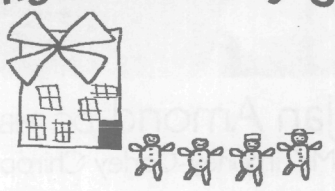

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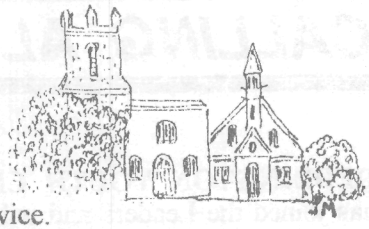

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**Sun 4** 10.30am Family Service. **Wed 7** 10am Holy Communion.

**Sun 11 Pentecost** 10.30am Sung Eucharist. **Wed 14** 10am Holy Communion.

**Sun 18** 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Mattins (BCP). **Wed 21** 10am Holy Communion.

**Sun 25** 10.30am Sung Eucharist. **Wed 28** 10am Holy Communion.

June Services (St John, Hempton).

**Thu 1 Ascension Day** 8pm Eucharist.

**Sun 4 & 18** 9am Eucharist. **Sun 25** 6pm Evensong (BCP).

**NB** The Ecumenical Service on Sunday June 11, listed in the Diary last month, has been cancelled.

Church Friday Club for children of Deddington School will meet every Friday in the school hall 3.15-4pm.

Bible Study Home Group meetings

Monday 12 June at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington.

Wednesdays 31 May, 7 & 14 June at 7.30 for 8pm in 2, The Leyes, Deddington.

Wednesdays 14 & 28 June at 7.30 for 8pm in Boulderdyke, Clifton.

Youth Fellowship Meets every 2nd Sunday (11 June) at 6.30pm in Hempton Church Hall. Details from the Curate.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

**Entries to the registers during May will appear next month.**

BAPTISM: 2 April in Deddington Church - MATILDA MAY BURDON

(Our sincere apologies to Matilda, her family and godparents.The DN's May Church and Chapel Report comprehensively misspelt her name. The report was a "casualty" of the Inter-regnum.)

The Inter-regnum In the absence of an incumbent the Rural Dean, Rev Canon Tim Wimbush, has charge of the benefice comprising the parishes of Deddington and the Barfords. He will work closely with the churchwardens and with our curate, Rev David Nicol. If you wish to enquire about baptisms or weddings, please contact David. For other church matters please contact the churchwardens: George Fenemore (338203) or Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie (338269) David Nicol, or Canon Wimbush (01295 780555).

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**June Services: Sun 4** - Mr R. Ellis. **Sun 11** - Mr Ian Pearce. **Sun 18** - Mr R. Wilson.

**Sun 25** - Mr H. Puttick. **Sun 2 July** - Pastor I. Walton. Rev ALBERT FOX (345339).

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Until further notice the times of Mass will be as follows, all Masses being in English.

HETHE: Every weekday at 10am (including Saturday but excluding Wednesday). Sundays - 10am.

Confessions: Saturdays 5.30 - 6pm.

ADDERBURY: Wednesdays - 7pm. Sundays - 8.30am. Confessions: Before Sunday Masses.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

TRIBUTE:

JOHN CRESSWELL.

John died after a long illness on 22 May. He will be greatly missed in the village. He was such a kind friend, particularly to the many tennis players who enjoyed his expert coaching. He will be especially remembered for his recent organising of the "Songs of the Century" concert, which grew out of his enthusiasm for the popular music of the last century, and for which he wrote the linking narrative. We send our deepest sympathy to Ellen and their family.

ANGELA WALLER

*(There will be further tributes to John in the July issue. Ed.)*

# CALLING ALL CLUBS

*Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors*

**DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB** This session has started well (I hear, as I have been away!) Carl Brown has joined the Leaders and will be taking over from Fiona. There have been some enthusiastic games of rounders and members have been enjoying the good weather.
Do remember to come and see our Millennium Video - scripts, interviews and some filming by members, with interesting stories of past and present-day Deddington, including young peoples' views of the future. Direction and tuition was by Oxford Film and Video Company - made possible by a Lottery grant. **The video** will be shown on **Monday July 3, 7.30 pm. at the Windmill Centre.** **GAY BREWER 338097**

**DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB** We were sad to learn of the death of John Cresswell. Unfailingly courteous on the court, he gave of his time unstintingly to the Club behind the scenes, and many youngsters in particular benefited from his patient coaching. We shall miss him greatly.
Club nights on Wednesdays are proving popular, with games on all three courts. A Round Robin competition on April 30 was enjoyed by those who came - both for the tennis and the Barbecue afterwards. Another is planned for June 25. Our four teams are battling on with mixed success in the Banbury League. If you fancy match play or just club tennis, come and join us. **ESTHER HANEY 338782**

**DEDDINGTON BROWNIES** We had a busy Spring term. Maggie Rampley kindly gave up her time to teach 8 Brownies for their First Aid badge (5 passed, the others await the test). We 'visited' Mexico for Thinking Day when members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are encouraged to find out about each other. We made pinatas (paper-mâché balloons filled with sweets), tasted Mexican food, made Mexican wool pictures, drank pina colas, and raised £26.65 for the Thinking Day fund. We attended the Mothering Sunday service in church; some went to the St George's parade in Banbury. Many thanks to the parents who helped their daughters attend these events. We also said a sad farewell to Caroline Rosendahl who has returned to Sweden with her parents. It was lovely having a Swedish speaker in our midst. Pack Holiday in the charming and interesting village of Ilmington lived up to all expectations. 21 Brownies participated, most staying all three nights, and four very willing mothers - Kate McGovern, Cheryl Corner, Mrs Robertson and Liz Haigh - helped in various ways. We are most grateful to them. The Brownies were delightful and well behaved. We visited the hurdle-maker, looked in the church, blew bubbles on a hill top, followed trails around the village, were visited by the Morris Men, had a Mad Hatter's Teaparty - highlights of an extremely busy three days. Moira Byast, Maggie Mellersh and I arrived home shattered!
Many thanks to all who leave washed tinfoil, used postage stamps or aluminium cans at my house.
**VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 338269**

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS** A social evening is planned for Thursday, July 13 at 7.30 pm in the Red Lion. Everybody interested in helping in any way with the next Pantomime is very welcome. We urgently need some new older members back stage, but particularly on stage to make sure the show goes on. We usually have no difficulty finding younger people. Do come along - we'd love to see you. **JIM FLUX 338153**

**DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY** At our May meeting Sarah Martin told us of a surprisingly unknown Victorian diary that she is preparing for publication. The diarist, Francesca St John Orlebar, kept two diaries - one for 'official' consumption, so to speak; the other detailing in parallel her more private thoughts. Sarah's account, enlivened by Moira Byast's readings, gave us an intriguing, at times poignant, insight into the life of an intelligent, lively woman trapped amongst people of lesser imagination and narrower outlook.
On Tuesday, May 16 we hosted a visit by the Cropredy History Society who were given expert guided tours of the village by Betty Hill, Maureen Forsyth and Charles Newey. Afterwards the WI provided an enormous and delicious 'spread'. Our visitors have written to express their deep appreciation and look forward to returning the compliment next year. On Wednesday, June 14 (7.30 pm, Windmill Centre) John Steane will give our final talk of this season on 'Chastleton Below Stairs', an account of important discoveries made during the National Trust's restoration of the house.
The Society's annual garden party will take place courtesy of Colin Cohen at The Old Vicarage, Barford St Michael on Wed, June 21, 7.30 pm; there will be a small charge for refreshments. All are welcome at both events. **CHRIS DAY 337204**


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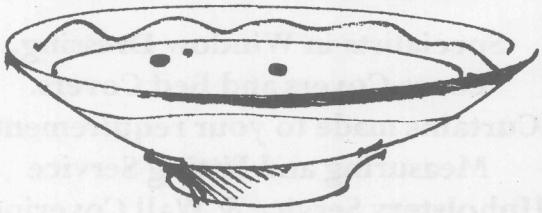

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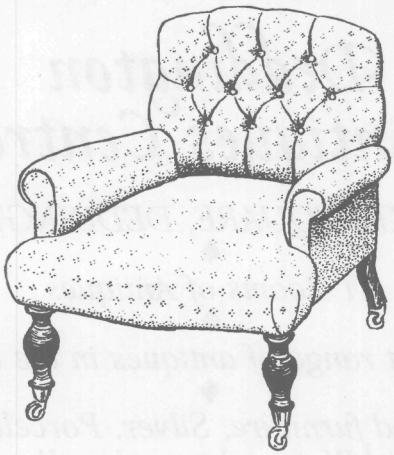

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## CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

**DEDDINGTON W. I.** On May 9 we discussed and voted upon three Resolutions being put to the Triennial Meeting at Wembley in June. As there was no time for the Beetle Drive, we shall arrange this at a later date. Our trip to Barnsdale is now fully booked; the next on August 9 to the Houses of Parliament (with guides) is filling up. Contact Angela (338027), Yvonne (337213) or me if you wish to come along.
On the evening of May 16, the Deddington & District History Society entertained visitors from Cropredy. The W.I. were asked to provide refreshments which we were pleased to do - so this is in the nature of an advertisement. We will provide teas, etc. for groups of up to 35 people in the Holly Tree, and larger groups in the Windmill Centre. Let us know your requirements - you won't be disappointed.
On June 13, our speaker is Mr I. Pearce on *The Seamen's Mission*. Competition: limerick or poem with a sea theme.
**RENE MAHONY 338438**

**DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB** Of the six matches played so far this season, we have won three, lost three - all very close and extremely enjoyable. Club nights continue each Wednesday, so why not try your hand at this very friendly game of bowls? Away from the Green, we have a Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac and Plant Sale under the Town Hall on Sat, June 3, from 9.30 am. On Sat, June 10, we are holding a Race Night at the Royal British Legion Club: 8 races with Tote available, the first race coming under Starter's orders at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome so join us for a night at the races without leaving the village!
**YVONNE TWOMEY 337213**

**DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**
1st Team result
Bodicote (Coronation Cup Final) Lost 2-4 J.Pearce, R.Wilkins
Despite goals from Julian Pearce and Russell Wilkins, the 1st Team had to settle for runners-up in the final.
Reserve Team result
WH Brady (Cave Cup Final) Lost 2-3 J. Pearce, M.Doggett
Goals by Julian Pearce and Mark Doggett weren't quite enough in a rousing 2nd half performance as the team battled back from a 3-0 half time deficit.
Presentation Evening The following awards were won: *1st Team Manager's Player of the Year* - Russell Wilkins; *Reserve Team Manager's Player of the Year* - Andy Wallock; *1st Team Players' Player of the Year* - Jake Tyrell; *Reserve Team Players' Player of the Year* - Chris Smith; *1st Team Leading Goal Scorer* - Russell Wilkins; *Reserve Team Leading Goal Scorer* - Mark Doggett
A.G.M. It was decided that there would again be two Saturday Sides. The 1st team will be managed by Dave Risato; Jason Timms and Martin Alexander will continue managing the Reserve Side. The new Season starts in September.
**STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

**MONDAY MORNING CLUB** The Stratford production of *The Rivals* on May 10 was most enjoyable and stylish. We have 11 tickets for *Blood Brothers* at the Apollo on Wed, June 14; please collect ordered tickets as soon as possible. Three remain; contact me if interested, even if you are not a member. The bus leaves the Market Place at 6.15 pm. We have also tickets for *The Complete Millennium Musical* (the bits of our past you should know about and some you would rather not) by The Reduced Shakespeare Company at The Playhouse on Thurs, June 22. Two tickets still available. It has been suggested we organise a visit to the new Tate Modern. If that appeals, please register at the coffee morning on June 5. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

**DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** May has been one of our best months for some time; particularly encouraging is the increasing family atmosphere in the club. June marks the beginning of our 3-month membership drive during which we plan an open day. Prospective members are welcome to visit most evenings but the best times are Friday evening and Sunday lunch time. John, our Club Steward, will be happy to advise on membership, open to all over-18s who **do not** need to have served in the armed forces. The annual cost of £7.50 entitles members to bring partners and children under 18. Come along, make yourself known to the Steward or a committee member: with no obligation. May we just say 'Welcome'.
**RAY MORRIS 338143**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** The well planned Easter lunch in April and subsequent quiz were very successful. We extend our thanks to Mrs Margaret Reid and helpers for catering on this occasion. On May 10 Mr John Bishop, Fire Safety Officer, showed a video on fire safety in the home. He stressed the importance of fire alarms upstairs as well as down, ensuring batteries are renewed regularly. As I write, we look forward to hearing Mr George Fenemore on May 24 telling of his farming experiences. Anyone wishing to join us at our meetings, 2.30 pm at the Windmill Centre, can be sure of a warm welcome. Please check the Diary for June events.
**GWEN BOND 337354**

## ON THE FARM

Here we go again! Once more this shortsighted government of ours has plunged a knife into the back of British agriculture by failing to enforce its own rules and safeguards on GM crops and seed purity standards. Surely with all the public concern over GM crops commercial seed from the countries known to grow GM crops should not have been imported until our own evaluation trials have been completed. Under :EC rules for acreage payments oil seed rape seed must come from certified varieties. Each bag of seed should have a label stating where and when the seed was produced, the variety, and the certifying authority. All labels must be kept and produced when the inspector calls. So no doubt some bright spark will be digging about in the bowels of the MAFF trying to find a way of not paying the acreage payment on the crops planted with contaminated seed which, as the certifying authority, they certified. But now that the media attention is fully focused on Cherie and her calf the Ministry will have time to get the spin doctors to think up some excuses. But there again, doctors are the only profession allowed to bury their mistakes.

Despite the cold wet blackthorn winter the crops seem to be doing well. Our non-GM contaminated oil seed rape has dropped most of its flowers and is well in pod. The winter beans are well in flower and the winter wheat is just coming into 'boot' (just before the ear emerges).

The meadows have now dried up enough for the sheep to go back and the ewes will soon have to be trimmed out ready for shearing. The little lambs have at last started to improve after the long wet and cold spell but it will be some 2-3 weeks before any are ready for market and by then the prices will have dropped still further.

The lambing paddocks have all been given a dressing of nitrogen and 'shut up' for hay making. The bees got off to a bad start this year: the warm March got them going and the cold April finished them off and I am left with only 12 working hives. But for the first time on record I have taken honey off in May and picked up a swarm.

I am pleased to say that all our spring visitors have returned. We have 10 pairs of swallows nesting in the buildings, the workshop robin is back and a pair of adders has been seen sunbathing by Bowmans Bridge.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

## PARISH BORN AND BRED

We've now received at least twenty* calls. There is obviously a mass of invaluable information out there. How to handle it ? DN Committee members are each taking two or three names and we hope to be in touch with you again over the next few months. We want to check the facts we have and perhaps ask you for your first, or most vivid, memory of the Parish. Then, beginning in September, we'll print a series of reports. Many of you who phoned mentioned family connections going back over several generations. This is important and needs to be recorded, but it could be outside the scope of the DN. There has also been a suggestion that by excluding those who were not born in the Parish we are doing an injustice to many who should be on the list. True. But for the moment, if we may, we'll keep to Alan Humphries' original definition and then see how the project develops. I think Alan may have started something much bigger than any of us realised !

Below is the list of of those who have contacted us. (Any errors will be corrected in later articles.)

1. Jackie Adcock (nee Clarke)
2. Mrs. Adkins (nee Cox)
3. B.G.Boyd
4. Maureen Cox
5. Harold Arthur Ornuld Davis ('Topper')
6. Joan Fisher
7. P. Franklin
8. Mrs. Lorraine Gillam (nee Smith)
9. Mabel Godfrey
10. Ivy Gregory
11. Grace Hancock (nee Cox)
12. Alan Humphries
13. Roger Kallow
14. Arthur Lewis
15. Mrs. Richardson
16. Clive Sanders
17. Martin Simons
18. Janet Smith (nee Berry)
19. Wendy Stephens (nee Monaghan)
20. Josie Stevens (mislaid in a drawer !)

*(*Recently I had to go away unexpectedly because of family illness. Things got a little hairy. I hope I have noted all those who phoned before I left. But if you phoned and your name is not in the list , I do apologise. Please bear with me and please phone again. Ed.)*

**Opportunities** for voluntary work abound. This month we have heard from **Age Concern**. Could you find time to help with their **Phone Link Service** ? Contact Lester Lee: 01865 240619. OCC runs **The Breaktime Scheme**. Could you offer a short break to a disabled child ? Contact OCC: 01865 375515.

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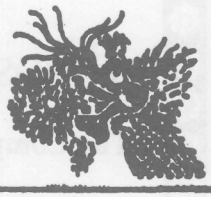

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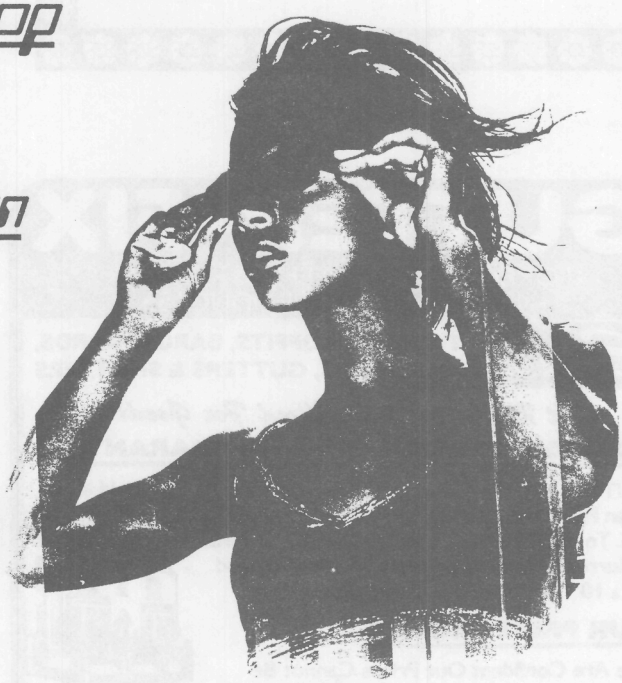

## Deddington on Line

DOL wishes to enlarge the presence of the Crafts, Visual Arts, Drama, Writing and Music (including non-classical musicians). We shall contact parishioners who have exhibited their work over the last twelve months including those who are not on the free business index.

The website workshop at Burford IT Centre arranged with OCC went well. Places were given to 20 enthusiasts from non-commercial organisations. Elizabeth Reed and Sylvie Nickels described how the DOL site was set up, from distributing registration forms to organising the navigation. Elizabeth used the DOL home page to illustrate different stages in web site page creation.The workshop was mostly a 'hands on' session with many Parish Councillors among the participants.

DOL welcomes ideas or suggestions for new items on the web site. These can be given to the group using the feedback facility on the web site or to me (see below).

DOL is now a large and sophisticated web site requiring regular inputs to keep it up to date and to add new and interesting features. We therefore would welcome some 'outworkers' to adopt specific areas . If you are interested in this and would like to help please contact me for further information. There is no requirement to attend meetings or sit on a committee!

Colin Clark 338064 or cclark9302@aol.com

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## Friends of Daeda's Wood

Last month I forgot to thank the School for making space available in their entrance hall for our display. I'm told it has aroused a lot of interest which we hope bodes well for attendance at our Millennium Picnic on June 4 (details in May DN). Looking further ahead, there'll be an expanded Daeda's Wood display in the Parish Church later in June (depending on restoration work), continuing through the summer. Thank you Ken Reeves and George Fenemore.

The grass has been cut recently, though with the present weather I trust it won't be 'as high as an elephant's eye' (yes, *Oklahoma*, this time) by June 4. At least the wild flowers are benefiting too; the spread of ragged robin is truly a delight. It really would be appreciated if special care could be taken for any dog fouling to be removed in the run-up to the Picnic. The area near the main entrance seems a particularly 'favoured' spot. Thanks. And see you all June 4.

**Sylvie Spenceley 338995**

## Deddington Map Group

After an introductory week at a special price of £4, *Discovering Deddington* - the first book about the parish for 37 years - was published on 22 May, at the regular price of £4.95. *Discovering Deddington* is packed with up-to-date information plus plenty of history. Walks round the Parish of Deddington, which includes Clifton and Hempton, are described in a lively, no-nonsense style and illustrated by 150 drawings and photographs, featuring many beautiful and historic buildings. *Discovering Deddington* has something useful and interesting to say about churches and chapels, great houses and cottages, post office and library, school and health centre, coaching inns and bed & breakfast, buses to Banbury and Oxford, and more.

*Discovering Deddington* was funded by the Parish Council, designed and co-edited by Mary Robinson and produced by Deddington Map Group. Many local volunteers were involved, including 14 writers, 8 artists and 2 photographers - a real community enterprise. You can buy copies at the Library and local shops, through all good booksellers, and by e-mail (dd@drakeint.co.uk).

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

If you see any factual errors or important omissions in the book, please let me know, so that they can be put right should there be a second edition.

NORMAN STONE 338019

Norman Stone asks for corrections to the *Discovering Deddington* text. He writes: "Dave Keats tells us that **Windmill Fish'N'Chips** on the **Hempton Road** is now open **12 noon – 2 pm. and 5 - 9 pm. TUESDAYS TO SATURDAYS INCLUSIVE."**

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RSPCA

May I thank all of you who recently supported my House to House Collection for this charity. Your generosity is much appreciated by the Oxfordshire Branch. You gave the grand sum of £175.64. Together with collections from Tyford, Steeple Aston and Bloxham, I paid my Teasurer £422.12.

For assistance in a suspected or actual cruelty case, please ring 08705 555999. Our nearest Animal Rescue Centre is at Blackberry Farm, Quainton where, in 1999, 2065 creatures were dealt with, the majority being re-homed.

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

*(Please address all letters to: Frank Steiner, 5, Chapman's Lane, Deddington.)*

## FROM THE REVEREND KEN REEVES

I should like to say that I have greatly appreciated the gifts and cards given to me to mark my retirement from full-time ministry in this Parish. The farewell parties in the Windmill Centre, in Deddington School and in the Red Lion were enjoyable and memorable. I am grateful to all who came to them and who arranged them.

I have always valued the prayerful and practical support I have received over the years. I shall continue to remember you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

## FROM MRS. JOAN HEYWARD, CASTLE STREET, DEDDINGTON

Mrs. Joan Hayward and her family would like to express their appreciation to all those who contributed to the £515 sent to Katharine House Hospice in memory of Mrs. Heyward's late husband, Walter.

## FROM MRS. LILY HILL, FELTWELL, THETFORD, NORFOLK

Being a Deddingtonian born and bred, although I left 64 years ago, I derive great pleasure from receiving my regular copy of the Deddington News. I write to express my delight on reading in the May issue of the greatly deserved honour to the memory of Miss Alice Weaver, in the Church she loved and was so devoted to. She earned her living as a music teacher. My best wishes to all who help to produce the Deddington News. Long may it continue.

## FROM KATIE McGOVERN, CHAPEL CLOSE, CLIFTON

We'll know that the new Police Station in the Market Place is making a difference when the premises next door become known as 'The Uniform'.

## BELLRINGERS FOR THE PARISH CHURCH

Colin Cox is seeking for new members to augment the current bellringing team. He writes: "We have a reasonable membership but due to other commitments, work, family matters etc., we often struggle to find enough ringers. We would like to appeal not only to young and old who have never rung before to come and have a go, but also to those who, for one reason or another, have given it up. We practice every **Monday night from 7.30 pm**. Anyone interested can just turn up or telephone either myself on 337486 or Bill Dickinson on 337050. All will be made most welcome."

Warning for the elderly and people with excitable pets. There will be a private party with a firework display at the Windmill Centre on Saturday, July 1. Should you wish to keep your pets indoors for the duration, the fireworks will last no longer than 10 minutes. Thank you. Mrs. Anne Walters.


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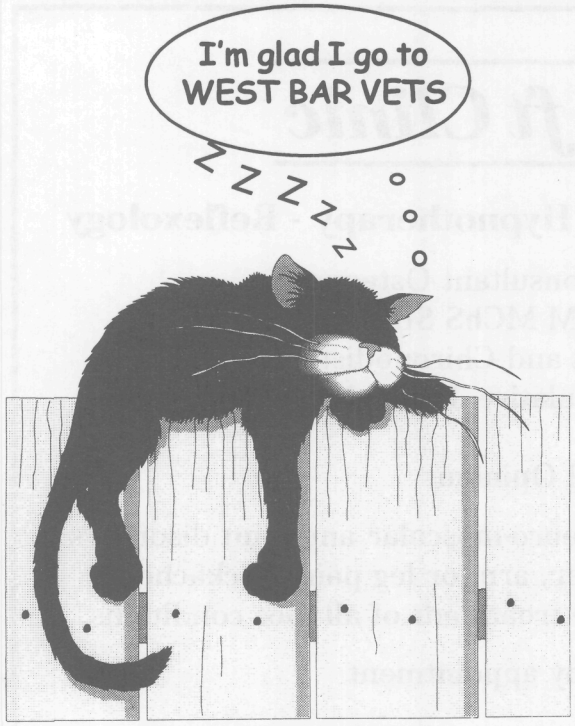


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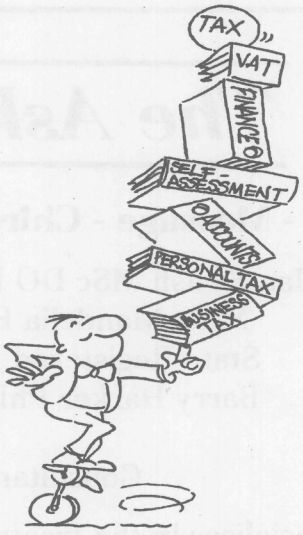


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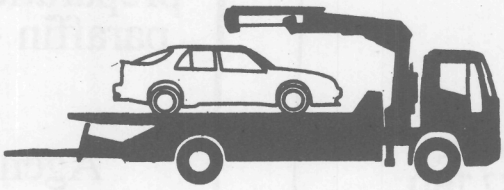

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## MADD WEEK - MAY 14 – 20 (In aid of Katharine House Hospice)

Live music at the Red Lion on the Sunday, Margaret and Tony Robinson playing contemporary folk music on two guitars at the Deddington Arms on Tuesday, poetry at the Unicorn on Thursday, art at the Holly Tree and the MADD Revue at the Windmill on Friday and a wide-ranging concert in the Parish Church on the Saturday ... quite a week ! Congratulations to everyone involved in this marathon. The Parish reaction ? "Let's do it again." The DN sent its seasoned reporters to as many events as possible.

### POETRY EVENING AT THE UNICORN

The poetry reading at the Unicorn was stimulating and thoroughly enjoyable. John Cheney was an inspirational MC and not only attracted a full attendance but succeeded (with the help of a little alcoholic lubrication) in getting many to come forward with their favourite or even their own poems – not necessarily the same thing ! Special mention must be made of Elizabeth Edwards for reciting by heart and *con amore*. There was an enthusiastic response to a wide range of poets from Shakespeare and Hardy, Francis Thompson, James Stephens, John Betjeman and Philip Larkin to Ogden Nash and Roger McGough. Everyone had a thoroughly good time and those who did not participate seemed very satisfied with their evening. A big thank you to the Unicorn for letting us have their upper room without charge, and congratulations to John Cheney. RALPH ELSLEY

### ART EXHIBITION AT THE HOLLY TREE

The Holly Tree Painters' Group (Peggy and Michael Baker, John Cheney, Bill Dickinson, Jo Mace and Norman Stone) produced an enjoyable, varied and well-presented exhibition with the consistent quality of work which we have come to expect from them. It is interesting to see how individual artists have evolved as they try different media and subjects and learn from each other. Well done ! ELIZABETH TOTHILL

**And Peggy Baker writes...**

*On behalf of the 6 artists exhibiting, may I express our sincere thanks to: Molly Neild and Audrey Scott for organising the teas, to everyone who made the delicious cakes and helped with the serving and washing up. Also to Peter and Lorn Baker for printing our leaflets and posters and to Bluebells for their lovely flowers.*

### THE MADD REVUE AT THE WINDMILL

The Revue produced by Gerard Sullivan was amusing and varied. Lively singing, dancing, music and sketches by local and visiting talent were all suavely compered by Norman Drake. As one who usually dislikes both brass bands and 'sing alongs', such was the ambience and enthusiasm of the evening that I thoroughly enjoyed both. Judging by the reaction of the large and appreciative audience the Parish would welcome another show along similar lines. MOLLY NEILD

### CONCERT IN THE PARISH CHURCH

From the springy rhythms of Handel's *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*, which opened the concert, to the tutti-frutti rendition of Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer*, which closed it, there was something for everyone – as promised. Local hero Alex Soddy was hugely popular, whether as solo pianist, duettist, accompanist or ensemble player. Ruth Hollely sang beautifully, Rosie Nixon was a nimble flautist, John Stradling a valiant trumpeter. The five-piece string section played well throughout, taking four centuries of music in their collective stride. Many thanks to all who helped provide such a splendid finish to MADD Week, and notably to organiser, musician and compere, Donald Lane, for making it all happen. NORMAN STONE

**STOP PRESS** – Gerard Sullivan reports that **£954.21** was raised by **MADD Week for Katharine House.**
More details in July's DN

**Extracts from John Cheney's version of *The Vicar of Bray* which he sang in the MADD Review.**

It's really good fun in Deddingtun
I'm glad that I reside here.
Despite the Council, I'm ready to announce I'll
Always hope to abide here.
In my tiny fort up in Grove Court
I'm as snug as a bug in a rug, Sir,
I've no need to maneuver when I use the Hoover.
I can do the whole place from one plug, Sir.

A Police Station new for Bob Donohue
To go with his smart new uniform.
If his car's outside then he's inside -
Unless he's in the Unicorn.
But respect I must show and not come to blows
For he's larger than me I fear, Sir.
On the village's June Pub Watch List soon,
I do not wish to appear, Sir.

In Deddingtun there's the Crown and Tuns
And many another pub, Sir.
You'll come to no harm in the Deddington Arms
Nor the British Legion Club, Sir.
The Holcombe Hotel is rather swell
And the Red Lion's on my list, Sir.
And true to form there's the Unicorn
If you really want to get – blotto.

There's a tiny person I've based this verse on
Who whizzes around like an arrow.
She always has a smile, shouts hello from a mile
I call her the Electric Sparrow.
Now her abode's on Hempton Road
And there's no one else so spry, Sir.
So I'll plant a kiss on our beloved Pat Bliss
When she's 50 in July, Sir.

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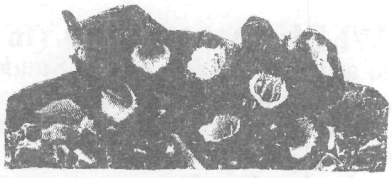


**THE FLOWER GARDEN JUNE 00**

Suddenly there seems a lot to do. The little spears of the Hostas have turned into fully mature slug-food overnight and are pushing up their flower stalks. This is the time when one agonises over the nightly decision as to leaving the hanging baskets out or bringing them in, but by the time this goes to press, all the annuals and baskets will be firmly in their summer places. Every year I dream of new colours and varieties, but in the end the old favourites win. For me the pinks, blues and whites; for others the ranges of yellow and orange Marigolds. They all look pretty in the end.

Last year I enthused about the new trailing Petunias. Up to a point they were wonderful, pretty and prolific. But quite a time before the end of the bedding season they got out of hand and trailed on long stems looking desolate and untidy. Perhaps some chopping back in good time is the answer.

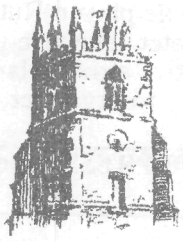
Looking back, it has been a good early summer in the garden. Tulips have been better than ever. We shall keep the ones from tubs in nets and bags and hope the mice won't find them, and the ones in the beds will stay where they are.

**MARIANNE ELSLEY**

May month flaps its glad green leaves like wings (Thomas Hardy)

And the allotments are beginning to look really good. I've managed, with a little help from my friends, to get everything under control. Broad beans are growing well, potatoes too. A good row of parsnips - probably because I put the seed in early; peas, mange-tout, lettuce, beetroot, corn-on-the-cob, marrows, courgettes and, of course, the inevitable carrots. Leeks and red onions have gone into warm damp soil. The runner beans are showing their tips. This year I am hoping to have flowers - dahlias, nicotiana, lupins, gladioli, nasturtiums, lavatera and chrysanthemums. Welcome to Barbara and Richard Upton - they have made excellent progress on their plot. There are plenty more plots (or half) if anyone would like to grow their own. Don't be put off by the weeds - a dose of Round-up and a bit of digging and Hey Presto you too can have your own carrots!

**THELMA DOVER**



**THE WAY WE WERE** Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

*Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for the month of June 1850:*

2nd JUNE - Poor Wells the Grocer was buried.

17th JUNE - Took the train to London where we stayed at Hatchetts Hotel.

18th JUNE - Started off to hear Dr. Pusey preach at the new Church of St. Barnabas, Pimlico, in which we did not succeed - numbers being unable to obtain an entrance into the Church - nobility and M.P.s among them. Returned home disappointed.

20th JUNE - Went to breakfast with the Bishop of London - he was as usual most kind. The Queen held an overflowing drawing room on this the 11th anniversay of her accession to the throne. In the evening she was present at the Opera. We went to the Opera - Shakespeare's play The Tempest being performed.

27th JUNE - Heard from my brother requesting me to execute a certain lease relative to Appletree Farm, in this Parish, under Christ Church, Oxford, and purchased by me some years ago with other properties of Churchill's assignees.

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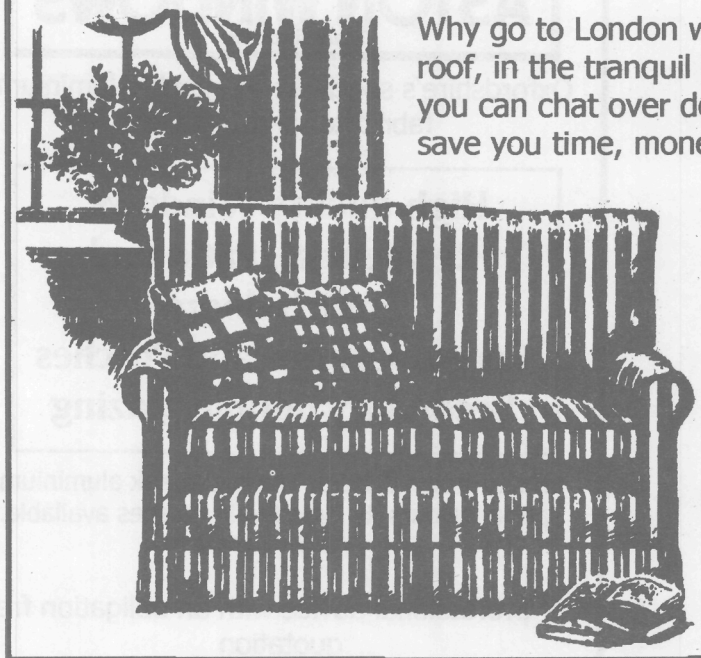

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

The Table Tennis team clinched the Division 3 Championship of the Banbury & District League. When they won their last match 8-2 against Blessed George Napier 'G' they received the Trophy at a presentation evening at Broughton & North Newington Sports Club on May 26th.

**Stonewalls** gardens will be open to the public on Sunday, June 25th from 2p.m. to 6p.m. as part of the National Gardens Programme. Friends of Hempton Church will provide refreshments. The Church will open and we hope to have one or two stalls selling crafts, with an Art Exhibition in the Church Hall, as yet unconfirmed. Please check Church notice boards nearer the time.

Stan Payne has returned home. A man of great determination, we hope his progress continues.

I end with the sad news of the death of Beth Wright, aged 96. People who have lived in the village for several years, particularly those on St. John's Way, will remember Beth as a very lively agile lady well into her 90s, and a person involved in many activities. Our condolences go to her family at this time.

**LES CHAPPELL** 338054

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

There's lots to report this month, from flooding and footpaths to swallows and horsehair, as well as a date for your diary. The PC is still awaiting OCC's response on funding the proposed footpath along the main road. A reply is not expected until the end of the year at the earliest and the PC intends to argue the case again in the autumn. It would lend weight to their argument if Cliftonians wrote to OCC too. April rainfall figures in the village average 1.87 inches over ten years, excluding 1998 - the year of the floods when 6.25 inches was recorded. This year 5.1 inches were recorded, but as the rain fell over the entire month it didn't have such a dramatic effect. The readings were taken at Boulderdyke Farm and are not necessarily the same throughout the parish, because of local variations in the weather. Now a plea to horse-owners: please gather up and dispose of horse and mane hair carefully after grooming your horses. Swallows use it to line their nests but then get trapped in it and die of starvation. How's your general knowledge? You have a chance to put it to the test on Sunday evening, 16 July, when the Duke of Cumberland's Head hosts a quiz night in aid of Katharine House. And finally, the PC is still looking for someone to write the minutes at its monthly meetings. Contact the clerk on 337447 for more details.

**JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128**

## DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire Calls. It is 2 months since I last reported on fire calls, during which time we have received 23 calls which were: 1 lorry fire, 3 chimney fires, 2 kitchen fires, 1 fire at Fine Lady Bakeries, 2 barn fires, 1 road traffic accident, 1 fire at North Oxfordshire School of Art, 2 calls to cats up trees, 1 call to a faulty boiler flue which was allowing fumes to escape, 1 call to a blocked flue causing fumes to enter the house, 1 false alarm, and 7 calls to stand by at other stations or motorway junctions, bringing the current total to 51 calls.

Calls of Interest. During 32 years in the Fire Service I had never been called to a cat up a tree until 6th April, and then lo and behold on 7th May we were called to another one. Another unusual call was a blocked flue from an AGA cooker which caused fumes to activate a carbon monoxide detector. Upon investigation we found the flue was blocked not only by a jackdaw's nest, we also removed 4 dead jackdaws. We received a call late one night to a kitchen fire where a toaster had malfunctioned and set fire to the worktop. Fortunately one of the occupiers was still up and able to wake up another resident, otherwise we could have been faced with 2 casualties. There were no smoke detectors in the premises. For the sake of the cost of a couple of smoke detectors, under £10.00, the 2 residents might have lost their lives.

Training. Richard Bolton and Gill Evans are both doing very well and have attended several incidents. Karl Kennard and Alex Douglas have commenced their induction training. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES**

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| Sat | 1 | Banbury Symphony Orchestra Concert, The Parish Church, 8 pm |
| Mon | 3 | Momday Morning Club, Coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon. |
| Mon | 3 | Showing of Youth Club Millennium Video, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome. (p.6) |
| Wed | 5 | Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm. |
| Sat | 8 | Family Open Day at Leadenporch Farm (in association with Alpha Course). 5 pm. (p.3) |
| Sat | 5 | British Legion; *Night Shift* ( Live music), 8.45 pm. |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Members Evening, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. |
| Thu | 13 | Deddington Players Social Evening: The Red Lion, 7.30 pm. (p.6) |
| Sat | 22 | British Legion: *Chuckletruck* ( Live music), 8.45 pm |

**NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN AUGUST.**

**HELP NEEDED**. Is there a reader who has an **Amstrad WP with a B drive** who would be willing to print out a few pages from a disc ? My Amstrad broke down and had to be thrown out. Please phone: Marianne Elsley 338251.


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**Saturday 24th June** - Street Fair, Flower Festival, Art Exhibition, Morris Dancing, Steam Railway, Vintage Cars, Tug of War, Dancing Display, Cricket Match, Teas and much more
**7pm Pig Roast** - Kings Field
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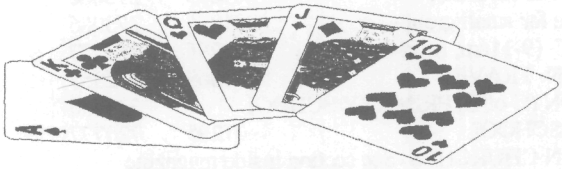

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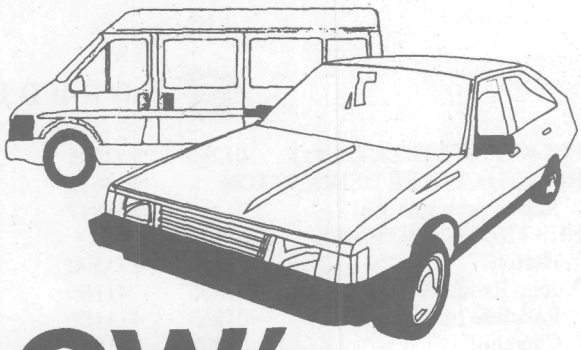

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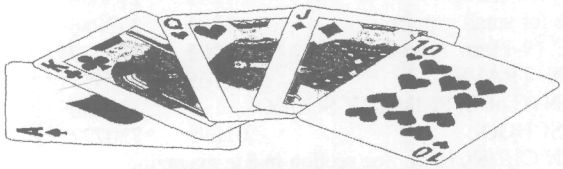

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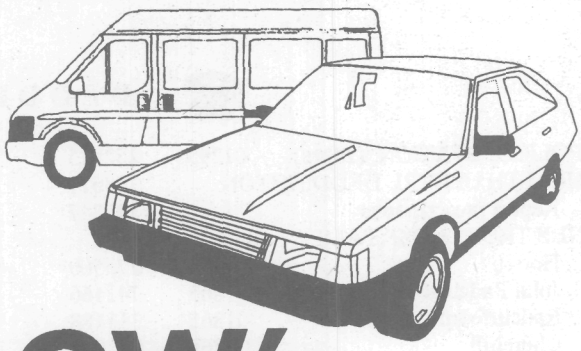

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